REVENUE AND FINANCE

Private Documents.

329. Private documents numbering 2,82,798 were impressed with stamps of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,16,461-28 (1,96,993 documents of the value of Rs. 3,66,684-81), showing an increase of 85,805 in number and a decrease of Rs. 50,223-53 in value.

Stamp Revenue and Expenditure.

330. The total gross revenue from Stamps under all heads amounted to Rs. 1,10,31,931-70 during the year (including the integrated areas). A sum of Rs. 9,09,956-8 was deducted as refunds made under the Stamp Act and Rules, of the value of stamps spoiled, rendered useless, etc., as also under the Court Fees Act, of the value of spoiled stamps and rebates, relief, etc., and adjustments on account of duty collected in the shape of stamps while registering instruments of transfers of immoveable properties situated within the limits of corporation or municipalities in the State.

Institution Fees in Pauper Suits.

331. The amounts outstanding at the beginning of the year under this head was Rs. 3,09,894. A sum of Rs. 62,770 was awarded as fees by the several sub-courts during the year bringing the total to Rs. 3,72,664.

Prosecutions.

332. No prosecution for the evasion of Stamp Duty under the provisions of the Mysore Stamp Act was instituted during the year.

(v) Registration Department.

333. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 78 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908, (Central Act XVI of 1908), the following amendments to the existing table of fees as notified in Notification No. S.R. 8662—Regis—28-53-2, dated 23rd March 1954, were issued during the year :—

(i) Grant of full exemption of registration fees for registration of mortgage deeds to be executed in favour of the State Government by the purchasers of the privilege of retail vend of excisable articles under the Mysore Excise Act, 1901.

(ii) Levy of a fixed fee of Rs. 5 on Mortgage Bond executed in favour of Bank by proprietary firms and partnership firms to raise loans for the promotion of the business carried on by such firms.

(iii) Grant of full exemption for instruments of gifts, settlement or trust or any transfer of property executed in